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Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, today I wish to honor the brave Americans who served on the USS *Thresher*. The nuclear submarine USS *Thresher*, named after a shark, was built with extreme pride by yankee craftsmen working at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, NH. After operations in the Atlantic and Caribbean, she returned to the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard for overhaul, and then on April 10, 1963 she went back to sea for post-overhaul trials. Sadly, during those deep-diving trials, the *Thresher* was lost off the coast of New England, along with all 96 sailors, 16 officers, and 17 civilians on board, falling more than 8,000 feet below the sea.

The sailors, officers and civilians aboard the USS *Thresher* made the ultimate sacrifice in support of our Nation. They are remembered daily throughout New Hampshire, and Maine, and certainly within the U.S. Navy. This measure we introduced recognizes the courage and bravery these men demonstrated in risking their lives in the development of the United States Navy's submarine program, a program which has proven invaluable to the American military. The tragedy of the USS *Thresher* demonstrates the inherent danger of submarine service.

On this the 40th anniversary of the tragedy, it is fitting that the Senate remembers with profound sorrow the loss of the USS *Thresher* and her gallant crew of sailors and civilians; and expresses its deepest gratitude to all submariners on eternal patrol, who are forever bound together by their dedicated and honorable service to the United States of America. May our country never forget those who gave their last full measure on the USS *Thresher*.

Mr. TALENT. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 102) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 102

Whereas the U.S.S. *Thresher* was first launched at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard on July 9, 1960;

Whereas the U.S.S. *Thresher* departed Portsmouth Naval Shipyard for her final voyage on April 9, 1963, with a crew of 16 officers, 96 sailors, and 17 civilians;

Whereas the mix of that crew reflects the unity of the naval submarine service, military and civilian, in the protection of the Nation;

Whereas at approximately 7:47 a.m. on April 10, 1963, while in communication with the surface ship U.S.S. *Skylark*, and approximately 300 miles off the coast of New Eng-

land, the U.S.S. *Thresher* began her final descent;

Whereas the U.S.S. *Thresher* was declared lost with all hands on April 10, 1963;

Whereas from the loss of the U.S.S. *Thresher*, there arose the SUBSAFE program, which has kept United States' submariners safe at sea ever since as the strongest, safest submarine force in history;

Whereas from the loss of the U.S.S. *Thresher*, there arose in our Nation's universities the ocean engineering curricula that enables the United States' preeminence in submarine warfare; and

Whereas the crew of the U.S.S. *Thresher* demonstrated the "last full measure of devotion" in service to this Nation, and this devotion characterizes the sacrifices of all submariners, past and present: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the 40th Anniversary of the sinking of the U.S.S. *Thresher*;

(2) remembers with profound sorrow the loss of the U.S.S. *Thresher* and her gallant crew of sailors and civilians on April 10, 1963; and

(3) expresses its deepest gratitude to all submariners on "eternal patrol", who are forever bound together by their dedicated and honorable service to the United States of America.

SEC. 2. TRANSMISSION OF RESOLUTION.

The Secretary of the Senate shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the Chief of Naval Operations and to the Commanding Officer of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard to be accepted on behalf of the families and shipmates of the crew of the U.S.S. *Thresher*.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2003

Mr. TALENT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 10 a.m., Wednesday, April 2. I further ask that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then begin a period for morning business until 11 a.m., with the time equally divided between Senator HUTCHISON and the minority leader or their designees.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nevada.

Mr. REID. Reserving the right to object, before the unanimous consent request is completed, I will state that we had a very successful appropriations meeting today. It was completed in less than 2 hours. There were a number of amendments that the chairman and ranking member, Senator BYRD, agreed to, and the committee accepted their recommendations. We were able to resolve what we thought would be the more contentious matter relating to the airline industry. We are well down the road to complete this legislation in the time set forth by Senator BYRD and Senator STEVENS, which will be sometime on Thursday.

Senator DASCHLE has asked the Democratic Senators to do what they could to expedite this matter. We have a limited number of amendments, most of which deal with homeland security. Senator STEVENS is aware of the gen-

eral nature of our amendments and we will be ready to offer those starting tomorrow morning, as soon as they complete their opening statements.

As I indicated, the Democratic leader has indicated he wants us to work as quickly, as expeditiously, and as completely as possible, making sure we have the number of amendments we feel strongly about but not overload this bill with extraneous amendments. We look forward to having this matter completed sometime Thursday.

I have no objection to the initial request.

Mr. TALENT. Mr. President, I further ask unanimous consent that at 11 a.m., the Senate proceed to the consideration of the supplemental appropriations bill as reported by the Appropriations Committee. I further ask consent that at 1:30 p.m., the Senate then proceed to executive session and there then be 30 minutes of debate equally divided in the usual form prior to the cloture vote on the nomination of Miguel Estrada to be a circuit judge for the DC Circuit; provided further that if cloture is not invoked, the Senate then return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. TALENT. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, the Senate will be in a period for morning business tomorrow morning until 11 a.m. to allow Members to continue to make statements in support of our troops. This is, of course, according to the majority leader. At 11 a.m., the Senate will begin consideration of the supplemental appropriations bill. Amendments are anticipated on that measure. The majority leader would encourage Members to notify the managers if they intend to offer any amendments. At 2, the Senate will conduct the fourth cloture vote in relation to the Estrada nomination. Following that cloture vote, the Senate will resume consideration of the supplemental appropriations bill. The Senate will complete action on the supplemental this week so we can get the necessary funds flowing to our brave men and women who are serving in Iraq. Therefore, the leader would inform all Senators to expect a busy day tomorrow with rollcall votes throughout.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. TALENT. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:13 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, April 2, 2003, at 10 a.m.

CONFIRMATION

Executive nomination confirmed by the Senate April 1, 2003:

THE JUDICIARY

TIMOTHY M. TYMKOVICH, OF COLORADO, TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE TENTH CIRCUIT.